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For: OXYGEN SCAVENGING POLYMERS)
AS ACTIVE BARRIER TIE LAYERS IN)
MULTILAYERED STRUCTURES) CUSTOMER NO. 37774

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)**

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In response to the Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a) dated January 20, 2004 (copy enclosed), Applicants hereby submit an executed Declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64. The Declaration provides the citizenship of non-signing inventor Cai.

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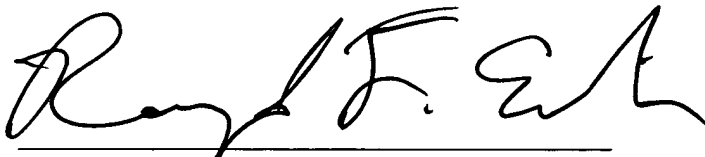
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DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or the below named inventors are the original, first and joint inventors (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **OXYGEN SCAVENGING POLYMERS AS ACTIVE BARRIER TIE LAYERS IN MULTILAYERED STRUCTURES**, the Specification of which was filed on **June 27, 2003**, as application Serial No. **10/609,050**.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 and/or § 365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, PCT international application(s), and United States provisional application(s), listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, PCT international application, or United States provisional application, having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

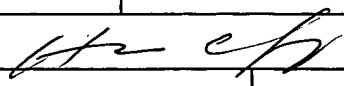
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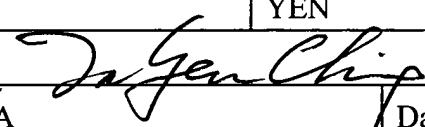
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